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## **RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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#### **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 14, 2005, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.